Activities of the Uintah-Ouray Indians At War and on the Home Front . . .

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INDIANS IN THE WAR

Again the War cry has been greater cause. Many warriors of the Ute Tribe have responded. This time feathers and war paint have been doffed; steel helmets and camouflage paint are worn instead; jeeps and mechanized equipment have replaced the ponies. These are the new weapons, and combined with the old and everlasting characteristics and bravery of their forefathers, rate these young warriors among the best in the world. They have lived close to nature which makes life on the battle fields easier for them than for many of their white brothers. Their keen sense of smell, their remarkable hearing ability, and their language make them extremely valuable as scouts and soldiers. Ninety-two boys are now serving in the Armed forces in all War zones representing every branch of the service. Three braves have given their lives during the invasion of Tarawa, France and Germany. Purple hearts have been awarded to five other braves who were recently wounded and are now in hospitals.

INDIAN BOYS IN SERVICE

Pvt. Lee Alhandra was inducted into the Army June 3, 1943. Taking his basic training in Camp Roberts, California for six weeks he was then sent to England. He is now stationed in France with the Provision Transportation Detachment. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Alhandra of Whiterocks.

Cpl. Samuel Arrats has been serving with the Marine Corp for three years. Taking his boot training in the San Diego Training camp he was sent to the South Pacific. He spent 26 months with the 2nd Marines in the South Pacific seen action in the Solomons, Guadalcanal, Siapan, Tinian and Tarwa. He was wounded in Tarawa and was awarded the Purple Heart. He is now stationed at Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, California where he is attending the Training command school. Before enlisting in the Marines he went to high school at Carson Indian school in Nevada. He recently spent one month furlough at his home in Fort Duchesne.

Pfc. Raymond Bonnin has served in the Marine corp for almost three years. After taking his boot training in San Diego he was sent to the Hawaiian Islands for two years. Raymond attended the Alterra High school before enlistment. He is now stationed in North Carolina with the Fire Department. He is the son of Mrs. Elsie Bonnin of New York, formerly of Roosevelt.

Pvt. Sanuel Bumgarner joined the Marine in Salt Lake December 16, 1943. He took his boot training in San Diego, after which he was transferred to Oakland, California. He is now stationed in Oakland with the Quartermaster Division. His wife and two children reside in Neola. Before enlistment he was employed at the Uintah and Ouray Agency as property Clerk.

F. 2-c Frank K. Burson has served in the Navy for the past two years. Taking his boot training in San Diego, California he was then sent to the South Pacific. He is now stationed in New Port, Rhode Island. Before enlisting with the Navy he was employed as Dairyman in Riverside, California. He is a gradute of Sherman Institute Riverside, California. Frank is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Burson of Fort Duchesne.

Pfc. Leonard R. Burson has served with the Marines for the past three years. After taking his boot training in San Diego he was then sent to Palmyra a little Island in the South Pacific where he spent over a years service. He was sent back to the States in December 1943 and in June he was sent back overseas with the Reforcement weapons group. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Burson of Fort Duchesne.

S. 1-c Weldon Burson, Jr. joined the Navy in 1942 he took his boot training in Farragut, Idaho. He was then sent to the Pacific for sea duty. He covered several war zone sections in the Pacific and around Alaska. Taking part in one major battle in the Pacific he was then sent back to the states. Weldon is somewhere in the Pacific again. Before enlisting with the Navy he was attending high school in Riverside, California. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Burson of Fort Duchesne.

Pvt. Robert Burson was inducted into the Army September 6, 1944. He is now taking his basic training in Camp Roberts, California. His wife and small son live with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Burson of Ft. Duchesne.

Sgt. Preston Allen has been serving in the Army for the post three years. He is now somewhere in England. Before joining the Army he was employed at Riverside, California as a Baker. He is the son of Mrs. Clara Rochell of Altonah, Utah.

S 2-c Ellis Caudell joined the Navy December 1, 1943 at Phoenix, Arizona. He took his boot training in Farragut, Idaho after which he was sent to the east Coast. He is now some where in the Atlantic. His wife and three children reside in Whiterocks.

Pvt. Hugh Chegup was inducted into the Army June 3, 1943 is now stationed some where in France. He took his basic training with the Army Air Force in Kearns, Utah. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Chegup of Whiterocks.

Pvt. Clarence Christenson has been in the Army since June 10, 1943. He took his basic training in Camp Roberts, California. In June of this year he was sent somewhere in the Pacific, where he is now serving. He is the son of Jens Chrisenson of Whiterocks. He attended the Alterra High school before his induction.

Pvt. David F. Colorow was inducted into the Army June 3, 1943. He took his basic training in Camp Barkely, Texas with the Medical Division. From there he was sent to Fort Dix, New Jersey, Staten Island New York and then back to Fort Dix. He served as an M. P. until his transfer to Fort Lewis, Washington. Before his induction he was employed at the Indian Agency at Fort Duchesne. He is the son of Robert Colorow of Bridgeland.

Pvt. Fred A. Conetah joined the Army in the spring of 1943. He is now some where in England. Was wounded and awarded the Purple Heart. He is the son of Edward Conetah of Myton.

S-Sgt. Daniel Crumbo has served in the Army for the past four years. He was stationed for several months in Alaska. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Crumbo of Fort Duchesne.

Ensign Hal A. Crumbo who enlisted in the Navy in 1943 is now stationed in Norfolk, Virginia. Before enlisting in the Navy he attended the Alterra High school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Crumbo of Ft. Duchesne.

Pvt. Jason Cuch who was inducted into the Army June 10, 1943 took his boot training in Camp Roberts, California. He was then sent to New Calendonia where he is now stationed. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Casper Cuch of Fort Duchesne. Before enlisting he attended the Alterra High school.

Pfc. Russell Cuch who has been serving with the Marines for the past three years is now stationed in North Carolina. He spent several months in the South Pacific and took part in several battles. He is the son of Sapanese Cuch of Tridell.

Cpl. Wilbur Cuch has been in the Army for the past two and half years is now serving somewhere with the 81st Division. Taking his basic training in Nashville, Tennessee, he was then sent to Los Angeles where he trained on the desert. He was transferred to San Luis Obispo, California for a few months and then was sent over seas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Cuch of Fort Duchesne.

Cpl. Reginald Curry who went into the Army December 13, 1943, is now stationed some where in France. Before enlistment he was employed with the Indian Service in Arizona. He is with the Traffic Regulation Group in France. His wife, Mrs. Dora Curry and three children live in Roosevelt. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oran Curry of Neola.

MM 1-c Alvin Denver joined the Sea Bees June 10, 1943, taking his basic training in San Diego, California. He was then sent to New Guinea where he is now stationed. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Denver of Fort Duchesne.

Pvt. Ellis Denver who joined the Marines in September 6, 1944, is now stationed in San Diego California. He recently finished his boot training and spent a 15-day furlough at home. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Denver of Fort Duchesne. Before enlisting he attended the Alterra High school.

Cpl. Lane George has been serving in the Army for the past three years is now stationed with the Medical Division somewhere in Italy. Before enlistment he was employed at the Indian agency as cook for the CCC-ID.

Sgt. Albert Harris who has been in the army for the past two years is now stationed in Camp Scott, Illinois. Before enlisting with the Army he was employed with the Indian service. His wife and small son live in Roosevelt. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Muse Harris of Roosevelt.

Pvt. Charles Hendricks who is serving with the army since June 10, 1943 is now stationed in the Hawaiian Islands. Before induction in the Army he attended the Alterra High school. He is the son of Charles Henricks of Whiterocks.

S 1-c Dee Hendricks who has been serving in the Navy for the past two years is now stationed somewhere in the South Pacific. Before enlistment he attended high school in Riverside, California. He is the son of Charles Hendricks of Whiterocks.

Sgt. Norman LaRose has been in the Army for the past four years. He was stationed in Fort Lewis, Washington before going overseas. He has served overseas for the past two years, in Australia with the Medical Branch. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carnes LeRose of Whiterocks.

Sgt. Kenneth C. LaRose has been serving with the Marine Corp for the past three years. He enlisted in Salt Lake City December 12, 1941. Taking his boot training in San Diego, he was sent to the South Pacific with the 2nd Marines. He took part in the battles at Guadalcanal, Solomons, Tinian, Siapan and Tawara. He was awarded the Presidential Citation for his service in certain battles. He is now going to training school at Camp Pendleton, California after which he will be an instructor in Gunnery. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carnes LeRose of Whiterocks.

Pvt. Dorland John who for the past year has been serving with the Army is now stationed in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He took his basic training in Camp Roberts, California. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Platte John of Whiterocks.

Pfc. Rogers Jack has been in the Army for the past two years is now stationed some where in France. He is with the 413th Infantry. He is the son of Mrs. Genie Cuch of Whiterocks.

Pvt. Frank LaRose who went into the Army in 1943 is now stationed somewhere in France. He took his basic training at Camp Roberts, California. Before his induction he was employed in defense work in Tooele. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas LeRose of Whiterocks.

F. 2-c LaMarr LaRose who joined the Navy in 1943 is now some where in the Atlantic. Before joining the Navy he was employed in denfense work in Oregon. He also attended the Carson Indian High school. He is the son of Mr. Raymond LaRose of Fort Hall, Idaho.

S. 2-c Herbert Martinez is now some where in the Pacific doing sea duty. He joined the Navy in February of this year. Took his boot training in Camp Farragut, Idaho. His wife and three children live in Ouray.

S. 2-c Glen McMurdock who for the past two years has been in the Navy is now some where in the Pacific. He is a radio Operator on an Air Craft Carrier. Before joining the Navy he attended the Alterra High school. He took his boot training in Farragut, Idaho. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Murdock of Salt Lake City formerly of Fort Duchesne.

Cpl. Francis McKinley who for the past two years has been serving in the Army is now stationed in Camp Polk, Lousiana. He was stationed in Camp Carson for over a year and then transferred to Camp Polk. Before his induction he was employed at the Indian Agency as Tribal Secretary. He attended the Alterra High school and the Los Angeles City College. He is the son of Hoskey McKinley of Randlett, Utah.

S. 2-c Charles L. Johnson enlisted in the Navy February 17, 1944 in Salt Lake City. He took his boot training at Farragut, Idaho and from there was assignto a ship. Before enlisting he was employed in defense work in Tooele. He attended the Carson Indian High school in Nevada. He is now stationed some where on the Pacific.

Pfc. Harvey Natchees who was inducted into the Army in 1942 is now stationed some where in France. Before his induction he was employed at the Whiterocks Indian school. He graduated from Roosevelt High school. His wife Mrs. Clara Natchees and daughter live at Whiterocks. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Natchees of Randlett.

Pfc. Alfred Pawwinnee enlisted in the Marines shortly after Pearl Harbor. He took his boot training in San Diego, California. From there he was sent overseas where he served for over a year. He came back to the states for more training, then was sent back in the south Pacific with the 26th Marines where he is now stationed. Before enlisting in the Marines he attended Sherman Institute Riverside, California, graduating in 1941. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pawwinne of Ouray.

Pfc. Alfred Parriette was inducted in the Army in 1942. He was sent to England the early part of this year. He was wounded this summer and was awarded the Purple Heart. Before his induction he attended the Alterra High school. He is the son of Harriett Johnson and Fred Parriette of Fort Duchesne.

Pfc. Lawrence Pike has been serving with the Army for the past two years. He is now stationed somewhere in France. Before his induction he attended the Roosevelt High school. His wife. Mrs. Lora Pike resides in Roosevelt. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Pike of Leeton.

S. 2-c Norman Pike has served with the Navy for the past two years. Since that time he has been stationed in the Hawaiian Islands. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Pike of Leeton.

S. 2-c Lee Pokerjack has been serving in the Navy for the past two years. He took his boot training at the Great Lakes Training center. He has been serving in the Pacific for the past year and a half. He is now somewhere in the South Uacific on the U S S Richmond. He is from Ouray.

Pvt. Calvin S. Reed joined the Army in 1942, is with the Paratroopers. He took his training in Fort Benning, Georgia. He was sent to England this past summer where he is now stationed. He is the son of Ada Johnson of Los Angeles and his father Stacey Reed of Fort Duchesne.

Pfc. Charles T. Reed enlisted in the Marines in 1941. He took his boot training in San Diego. He served in the south west Pacific for over a year, where he also saw action. He is now stationed back in San Diego. He is the son of Mrs. Rachel Reed Van of Ogden.

Pvt. Charles E. Reed has been serving in the Army for the past two years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Reed Sr. of Wyoneotte, Oklahoma.

Sgt. John Reed has served in the Army for the past 3 years. He was stationed in Alaska for several months. He is now stationed some where in France. He lived in Los Angeles the past five years before joining the Army. He also attended College in Los Angeles.

Pfc. Wilson J. Reed has been serving in the Marines for the past two years. He was stationed at Camp Pendleton, California for several months, he was then transferred to the South Pacific. He has seen action in Tinian, Siapan and on other various Islands. He is now stationed in the South Pacific. He is the son of Mrs. Rachel Reed Van of Ogden.

Pvt. Ned Redfoot has been serving in the Army for the past three years. He took his basic training at Fort Lewis, Washington with the Medical Division. He has been stationed in the South Pacific on the Marshall Islands for the past year. He lives at Whiterocks.

Pvt. Ruben Russell has been in the Army for the past two years. He was stationed in the Pacific for the past two years. He is the son of Mrs. Ora Murdocks of Whiterocks.

Pvt. Orvid Russell who joined the army in 1941 is now a prisoner of the Japanese. He was taken prisoner during the battle of Corrigidor. He is the son of Mrs. Ora Murdock of Whiterocks.

Pvt. Vincent Sireech was inducted in the Army in June, 1943. He took his basic training with the Air Force at Kearns, Utah. He was sent to England last October. He is now stationed some where in Italy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Sireech of Whiterocks.

Pvt. Nathan Starr who was inducted in the Army in November, 1943 is now some where in England. He took his boot training at Camp Shelby Mississippi. He was transferred to England in the spring of last year. September of this year he was reported wounded and is now in a hospital in England. His wife and two children live at Bennett.

S. 1 c Ernest Taylor joined the Coast Guard in 1942. He took his boot training in Alamedea, California. He is now somewhere in the Pacific on the U S S Eureka. His wife, Mrs. LaVern Taylor lives in Eureka, California.

Pvt. Lawrence Tom was inducted in the Army in September of 1943. He took his basic training in Camp Anza, Arlington, California. He was then sent to Camp Callen, California where he took training with the AAA. He is now stationed somewhere in New Guinea. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ignacio Tom of Whiterocks.

Pvt. Henry Upchergo was inducted in the Army in June, 1943. He took his basic training at Camp Claiborn, Louisana. He was then sent overseas and was wounded in November in France. His wife, Mrs. Elaine Upchergo and daughter live at Bridgeland. He is the son of Ennerats Upchergo of Ouray.

Pvt. Andrew Williams has ben serving in the Army for the past three years. He is now stationed somewhere in the Pacific. Before his induction he was employed for the CCC-ID, his home is in Ouray.

Pfc. Roberick Williams has been serving in the Army for the past two years. He is with the Tank Division some where in France now. His wife lives at Ignacio, Colorado. He took his basic training in Camp Adair, Oregon and from there he was sent to Fort Lewis, Washington. He took part in the invasion of France in June. He is from Ouray.

S 2-c Henry Wopsock who has been in the Navy since September, 1943 is now stationed some where in the Pacific. He took his boot training in Camp Farragut, Idaho after which he was assigned to a ship. His wife, Mrs. Laura Wopsock is employed at the Whiterocks Indian school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Wopsock of Whiterocks.

Sgt. Chalmer Workman has been serving in the Army for the past three years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Workman of Roosevelt. He is now stationed some where in the Pacific.

Following is a list of boys who have been granted Medical discharges from Service: Maxie Chapoose, Warren Kanip, Quentin Kolb, Robert Holmes, E. Fred Johnson, Wilson Johnson, Ruben Sixkiller, Julius Murray, Bennie Pikutark.

Killed in Action

Pfc. Aaron Daniels, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Daniels of Fort Duchesne was the first Indian boy who lost his life. He was killed in the battle of Tarawa, November 21, 1943. He enlisted with the Marines in 1941 taking his boot training in San Diego, California. He also seen action in the Solomons and Guadalcanal with the 2nd Marines. He was born August 24, 1911 at Lapoint. Having attended the grade school at Lapoint. He graduated from Sherman Institute, Riverside, California. Before enlisting with the Marines he was employed with CCC-ID at Fort Duchesne.

Pfc. Ansel Wanzitz was reported killed in France August 7, 1943. He was born in Rockcreek March 6, 1920. He is the son of Mrs. Mary Ankerpont of Bridgeland. Before his induction in the Army he worked on his own farm and had quite a number of cattle. He took his basic training in Camp Carson, Colorado and was stationed there for over a year. He was sent to England in May, 1944.

Pfc. Nelson Tonegates was reported killed September 24, 1944 in Germany. He was inducted in the Army in June, 1943. Taking his basic training in Fort Riley, Kansas. He was transferred to Fort George E. Mead and from there was sent to England. Before his induction he attended the Alterra High school where he took part in all sports. He is from Whiterocks.